



## PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Greenwood Elementary School, All Purpose Room

- I. The Greenwood ES PTA met on December 4, 2018 in the All Purpose Room. The President, Mary Quirion, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.**
- II. Attendees (See Attached)**
- III. President's Report, Mary Quirion**
  - a. Read to Me/Talk to Me**
    - i. New books purchased from Readathon proceeds
  - b. Cookies for Faculty**
    - i. Signup genius went out via email and on newsletter
    - ii. Cookies for faculty/staff will be on December 21, 2018
  - c. International Night**
    - i. Will be near the end of February, date TBD
    - ii. Need volunteers to help
    - iii. Information will come out via portal and social media
  - d. Variety Show**
    - i. Signup sheets due December 10, 2018
  - e. Recess Volunteers and Equipment**
    - i. There were 2 recess volunteer meetings last month
    - ii. Changes in grade level recess have shown improvements
    - iii. Third party assessment was done – more info next month when we review their report
    - iv. Thank you for donations for recess equipment – we are well stocked now
      1. Mr. Jones buys equipment at the beginning of the year
      2. PTA would like to supply chalk and a rolling ball bin (\$200 approx.) for outdoor recess
      3. PTA would like to create 2 indoor recess carts with supplies (coloring sheets, markers, crayons, games (connect 4, sorry, jenga)
      4. PTA has funds from Readathon to purchase these supplies
- IV. Committee Reports**
  - a. Bingo Night, Melissa Petropoulos**
    - i. Friday, January 18 @ Rosa Parks Middle School, time TBD
    - ii. Looking for raffle basket donations or bingo prizes – to donate notify Katie Philips, Cory Gluck, or Melissa Petropoulos
    - iii. A flyer went home this week
    - iv. Another flyer will come home before the break for food signup and RSVP
    - v. Three options:
      1. Family package – whole cheese pizza plus bingo cards
      2. Slice of pizza plus bingo card



3. Bingo card only
  - vi. May be able to pay on portal (preorders)
  - vii. Also able to pay at the door
  - viii. Limited pizza sales will be offered at Bingo nights
- b. Craft Night, Alison Leary**
  - i. 613 crafts = \$3065 collected
  - ii. Expenses = \$2700
  - iii. Profit = approximately \$350
  - iv. Good feedback, lots of volunteers
  - v. STYD in gym worked well for craft side
- c. Shop 'til You Drop, Audra Smith**
  - i. Made \$720 for PTA (19 vendor tables sold)
  - ii. Space in gym was nice – vendors appreciated extra space, holiday décor
  - iii. Minimal people came to shop – was very disappointing
  - iv. 3 of 19 vendors were happy with what they made, 5 more made back what they put in, the rest made next to nothing
  - v. Recommendation: don't do it next year
  - vi. Suggestions if we do it:
    1. Sign in for craft night in front of gym
    2. Spring yard sale
- d. Readathon, Kandi Barakat**
  - i. Made \$7024.40 after expenses
  - ii. Spent \$586.45 of \$700 budget
  - iii. Most participation K-2 (90 students), only 44 kids Grades 3-5
  - iv. Read 79,543 minutes
  - v. Goody bags went home with participants – let Kandi know if you didn't get
  - vi. Top readers and top classes also got incentives
  - vii. Suggestions for next year:
    1. Get teachers more involved
    2. Attach something specific with what we will use proceeds for
    3. Better prizes = better participation
    4. We're asking for more money for more things
- e. Variety Show, Harveen Anderson**
  - i. Not many people have signed up yet – deadline is Monday
  - ii. Forms will be available on PTA website
- f. Membership, Christy Yoshitomi**
  - i. 172 families are paid members; 12 staff who are paid members
  - ii. Did a raffle last month for \$10 Chipotle gift card
  - iii. Upcoming raffles: December \$10 to Cal Tort, January – 2 tickets for Staff Basketball game on February 8, 2018
  - iv. 20 people signed up on portal who haven't paid to join PTA
  - v. Please encourage others to sign up
  - vi. Idea: reduce teacher stipends by \$5 so all are PTA members



- V. Treasurer's Report, Tim Abercrombie**
  - a. Read a thon was big event
  - b. \$12571 raised through Nov
  - c. \$5793 expenses
  - d. \$6700 surplus through November – good place
  - e. Form 990 was filed 11/15/18
  - f. Charitable registration form due end of December
- VI. Official Business**
  - a. November 5, 2018 PTA Meeting Minutes approved by vote
  - b. Recess equipment budget proposal (budget ~\$500)
    - i. Parent suggestion: have room parents solicit donations for classrooms
    - ii. PTA plans to get feedback from teachers on what they would like
- VII. MCCPTA Report, Kandi Barakat**
  - a. GES couldn't attend last meeting
- VIII. NAACP Report, Tim Abercrombie**
  - a. Dr. Smith spoke
  - b. Discussed school report cards which will be discussed tonight
  - c. Takeaway: school improvement plan is most important
- IX. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman**
  - a. Maryland Report Card for Greenwood Elementary School**
    - i. Released today and sent by to parents by Mrs. Zimmerman
    - ii. Star rating system across the state of Maryland comparing the schools to one another
    - iii. Mrs. Zimmerman shared with leadership team this afternoon
    - iv. MCPS video played at meeting
    - v. Report card based on 2017-18 school year
    - vi. GES got 4 stars, 71%
    - vii. Belmont got 5 stars
  - b. MCPS Accountability Model**
    - i. Poverty was impacting whether students were successful in school
    - ii. Dr. Smith focuses on students receiving free/reduced meals
    - iii. State assessment is very narrow in comparison
    - iv. School improvement plan is written based on MCPS Accountability Model
    - v. Poverty affects data most at Greenwood
      - 1. Non-FARMS students:
        - a. 90% met measures in literacy
        - b. 70-89% met measures in math
      - 2. FARMS students:
        - a. 50-69% met measures in literacy
        - b. 50-69% met measures in math
    - vi. Other challenge: parents don't know how to help with today's math

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- c. **November 19, 2018 – had room parent meeting for Q1 feedback**
    - i. Used parent survey data from last year
    - ii. School is inconsistent with how we give feedback
    - iii. Plan to get parent feedback at the end of each marking period – will use MCPS survey in the spring
    - iv. Hope to meet again at the end of January
  - d. **Office will be closed over winter break**
    - i. MCCA will be open
  - e. **Recess volunteer signup genius still active for this marking period**
  - f. **Greenwood spirit day is this Friday**
    - i. Spirit wear promotion – free shipping until December 10, 2018
  - g. **New computer system to sign in at school**
    - i. Swipe badge upon entry to school – system will store your picture
    - ii. Swipe badge upon exit
  - h. **Recess assessment**
    - i. Done after grade level changes
    - ii. Will review suggestions
  - i. **Car rider circle is still an issue**
    - i. Thinking about giving tickets to the kids whose parents do the right thing
    - ii. Be patient with new dismissal
  - j. **Tickets – kids think was not fair we dumped tickets at the end of the month**
    - i. Will do grand drawing at end of marking period for better prizes
  - k. **Comfort Cases**
    - i. Ambassadors are new
    - ii. We need to find a better time of year to do comfort cases
  - l. **Health Room**
    - i. Over 1500 visits to the health room this year
      - 1. 61 *required* that parent took them home
      - 2. 170 parents took kids home (includes 61 required cases)
    - ii. Discussed reasons to go to health room; saw reduction after discussion
    - iii. Data from last year was substantially higher
  - m. **Email Mrs. Zimmerman with any issues**
- X. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:13 pm.

Minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary

## Upcoming Events:

<u>December 2018:</u>	<u>January 2019:</u>
3-7 Hour of Code	1 No School (Winter Break)
4 PTA Meeting, 7-8 pm, APR	8 PTA Meeting, 7-8 pm, Media Center
7 Greenwood Spirit Day	17 Dining Night Out: Jersey Mike's
10 Variety Show Signup Deadline	18 Bingo Night
12 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choral Winter Concert	21 No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
13 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental & Choral Concert	25 Early Release – 12:45 pm
19 Dining Night Out: California Tortilla	
24-28 No School (Winter Break)	